

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 65, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If any of the officers named herein shall announce their candidacy, or shall in fact become a candidate, in any General, Special or Primary Election, for any office of profit or trust under the laws of this State or the United States other than the office then held, at any time when the unexpired term of the office then held shall exceed one [~~1~~] year and 30 days, such announcement or such candidacy shall constitute an automatic resignation of the office then held, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled pursuant to law in the same manner as other vacancies for such office are filled.

SECTION 2. (a) This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011, only if the secretary of state certifies that an enactment of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, that became law provides for a filing deadline for an application for a place on the general primary ballot that occurs in the calendar year before the year in

1 which the primary is held. If the secretary of state does not make a
2 certification under this subsection, this resolution has no effect.

3 (b) If the election on this amendment is held, the ballot
4 shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition:
5 "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired
6 term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected
7 county or district officeholders if they become candidates for
8 another office."

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 37 was adopted by the Senate
on April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 37 was adopted by the House
on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 14, one
present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House